In the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of ~~applying a~~ scraping off excessive coating ~~on~~ from a paper substance comprising:

moving a paper over a roller;

applying a coating ~~color~~ to the paper with a coating-color applicator;

longitudinally vibrating a blade with an ultrasonic transducer in operative engagement with the blade, the longitudinal vibration being in a direction that is parallel to and along a length of the blade; and

applying the vibrating blade to the paper to scrape off excessive coating ~~color~~ from the paper.

2. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises bending the blade with a pressure applicator that bears against the blade while the paper moves ~~passed~~ past the blade.

3. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises providing the coating-color applicator with an ultrasonic applicator transducer and subjecting the coating ~~color~~ with an ultrasonic energy from the ultrasonic applicator transducer to lower a ~~the~~ viscosity of the coating ~~color~~.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the

method further comprises transferring ultrasonic vibration from the ultrasonic transducer to a blade tip of the blade.

5. (Currently amended) A method of applying a coating on a paper substance comprising:
moving a paper over a roller;
applying a coating to the paper with a coating-color applicator;
vibrating a blade with an ultrasonic transducer in operative engagement with the blade; and
applying the vibrating blade to the paper to scrape off excessive coating from the paper;
~~The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises~~ holding the blade with a holder; and
providing the holder with grooves to prevent transmission of ultrasonic energy along a width of the holder.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises adhering the ultrasonic transducer directly on the blade.

7. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 5 wherein the method further comprises firmly holding the blade in the holder to prevent loss of ultrasonic energy transferred from the ultrasonic transducer through the holder to the blade ~~and circulating water through pins~~.

8. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises applying the coating ~~color~~ through an endless wire and onto the paper.

9. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 8 wherein the method further comprises applying the coating ~~color~~ while subjecting the coating ~~color~~ to ultrasonic energy.

10. (Currently amended) A method of applying a coating on a paper substance comprising:
moving a paper over a roller;
applying a coating to the paper with a coating-color applicator;
vibrating a blade with an ultrasonic transducer in operative engagement with the blade; and
applying the vibrating blade to the paper to scrape off excessive coating from the paper; and
~~The method according to claim 2 wherein the method further comprises~~
providing the pressure applicator with an ultrasonic transducer that vibrates the pressure applicator.